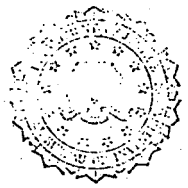

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Another United States Government agency recently made available a photograph of one Lyudmila Nikolayevna Prusakova, nee Ischenko, a Soviet national who was born February 8, 1932, and who visited England as a tourist in May, 1960. In view of the similarity between this individual's name and that of Marina Nikolaevna Oswald, nee Prusakova, the widow of Lee Harvey Oswald, it was suggested that those two individuals may be related.

On February 25, 1964, a photograph of the above-mentioned individual was displayed to Marina Oswald and she advised that this person is not related to her and she has no information as to that individual's identity.

On the same date Marina Oswald furnished the following additional information to this Bureau:

With reference to information she previously furnished that Oswald had physically mistreated her, Marina Oswald stated that he had mistreated her physically about four times during their married life. This mistreatment consisted of Oswald hitting her in the face. She stated that she retaliated by throwing things at him. She recalled that on one occasion she threw a radio at him. Their fights generally resulted from her criticism of Oswald. She criticized his political beliefs, the books he read and once she

argued with him because he did not want his mother to visit their home. She felt it proper for Oswald's mother to visit them.

Marina's attention was called to the letter dated May 16, 1963, which she received from Mrs. Ruth Paine in which Paine spoke of her displeasure with her (Paine's) husband and of her intentions to travel to New York to look for a lover. This letter is set forth verbatim on page 351 of the report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated January 22, 1964, a copy of which has been furnished to the Commission. Marina stated she believed this to be a joke on the part of Mrs. Paine and added that Mrs. Paine was not that type of a woman. She stated that Mrs. Paine did not like Lee Harvey Oswald and she is certain that there was no illicit relationship between Mrs. Paine and Lee Harvey Oswald.

Additional pertinent information developed by this Bureau will be furnished to you as received.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover